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Craig Roberts (left) of Tulsa, Okla.; T. Carter (center) of Woodbridge, Va.; and Martha Bragg of Minneapolis visit the JFK Symposium exhibit

hall Friday. They are among hundreds attending a symposium in observance of President John F. Kennedy's assassination.

REVISITING A TRAGEDY

Events note the 30th anniversary of JFK's death

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The title is imposing — The Assassination Symposium on John F. Kennedy — but it's not all discourse and dissertations.

There's also a thriving souvenir shop where assassination buffs and serious academics alike can pick up a photo signed by President Kennedy (\$433), a JFK tapestry (\$55), a JFK keychain (\$30.50) and an autograph from Gerald Ford (\$30.50).

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Gerald Ford?

That's not as unusual as it sounds. If you've attended the symposium, which began Thursday and ends Monday, you now know that Mr. Ford was a member of the Warren Commission, which investigated President

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Kennedy's assassination.

The symposium, at the Hyatt Regency Dallas at Reunion, is just one of a number of events being held as the city marks the 30th anniversary of President John F. Kennedy's assassination on Monday.

People from around the country and the world already have descended upon the city in anticipation of the anniversary.

The highlight will be a ceremony Monday at Dealey Plaza dedicating the site, officially, as a national landmark.

The plaza, located along Houston Street and across the street from the old School Book Depository — from which Lee Harvey Oswald allegedly fired the fatal shots — received a face lift for its big day.

For the past month or so, workers have been trimming the trees and bushes and planting new flowers, grass and shrubs. A new irrigation system also was installed.

"Dealey Plaza is about to be placed as a national historic site, so we felt it needed to be spruced up," said Larry Fonts, president of the Dallas Improvement District.

A second phase of the plaza project, which will be finished early next year, will include the planting of more ground cover and the construction of more fencing and paving.

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Nellie Connally, wife of former Gov. John Connally, will make the official landmark presentation. Mr. Connally, who died earlier this

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year, was in the limousine with the president and was wounded. U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison and U.S. Rep. John Bryant, D-Dallas, also will attend the ceremony.

The Dallas Wind Symphony and the Community Mass Choir will perform, and three students from Woodrow Wilson High School —

Emily Blue, Pearla Caballero and Robert Pringle — will read some of JFK's writings.

Dallas County Judge Lee Jackson will preside over the ceremony.

On Saturday, meanwhile, more than 60 journalists who were in Dallas for Mr. Kennedy's appearance will gather at Southern Methodist University to trade stories about covering the assassination and its aftermath.

The daylong conference will include panel discussions and accounts from reporters, editors and photographers who were at the Texas School Book Depository, the Trade Mart, Parkland Memorial Hospital and the Texas Theater.

The five-day assassination symposium features researchers, writers, historians and others discussing what happened 30 years ago.

The symposium also features the souvenir shop — known as the "ASK Mart," — where individuals and organizations such as the Fair Play for Oswald Committee and the Citizens for Truth About the Kennedy Assassination can sell their books, videotapes and cassettes.

Also available for sale is a 1994 Assassination Calendar and 30th anniversary T-shirts. One shirt features the Texas School Book Depository with the words, "History's Best Kept Secret." Another depicts the

JOHN F. KENNEDY-RELATED EVENTS

■ Thursday-Monday—

The Assassination Symposium includes panel discussions, eyewitness testimony and firsthand accounts of the assassination. Hyatt Regency Dallas at Reunion.

■ **Saturday** — Reporters Remember, a series of panel discussions of journalists who covered the events of Nov. 22-24, 1963. Umphrey Lee Center at Southern Methodist University. \$10 for adults, \$5 for students.

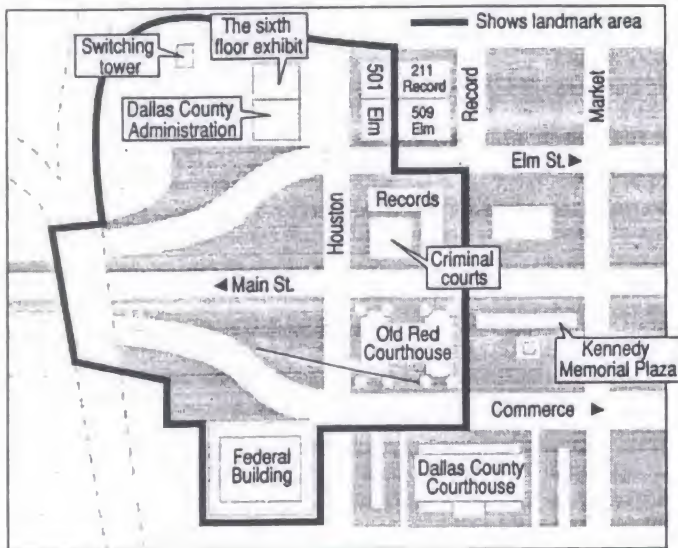
■ **Monday** — A march that will follow the last four blocks of the JFK motorcade. Marchers are to assemble at the Kennedy Memorial Plaza, at the corner of Market and Commerce streets, at 3 p.m.



John F. Kennedy

THE HISTORIC SITE

A free ceremony will be at 11:30 a.m. Monday to dedicate a National Historic Landmark plaque at Dealey Plaza.



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motorcade seen through the cross hairs of a rifle scope and has the saying, "Coup d'Etat . . . A Nation's Betrayal."

A march covering the last four blocks of the presidential motorcade will start at 3 p.m. Marchers should assemble at the Kennedy Memorial Plaza, at the corner of Market and Commerce streets, by 3 p.m.

The march will cover the last four blocks of the doomed presidential motorcade. The march will end up at Dealey Plaza. Afterward, several researchers and authors who have written books on the assassination will address the crowd.

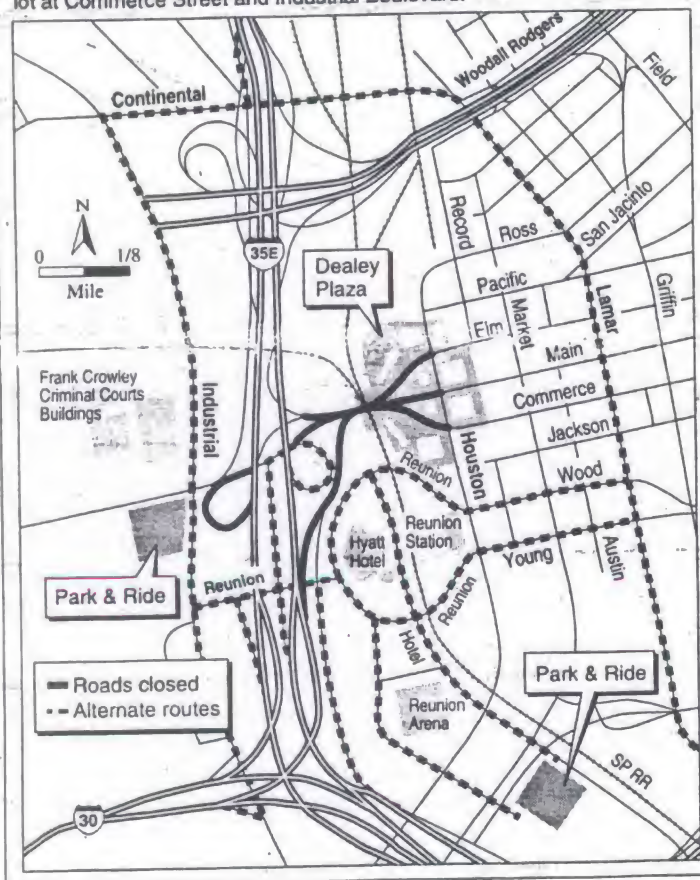
Dallas Area Rapid Transit and the Dallas County Historical Foun-

dation will offer a free shuttle service Monday for people attending the Dealey Plaza dedication. Beginning at 10 a.m., people may park at one of two sites and ride a DART bus to the 11:30 a.m. ceremony, which is open to the public.

Service will be available from Lot E at Reunion Arena and the USA parking lot at Commerce Street and Industrial Boulevard. The ceremony will close these downtown Dallas streets: Main Street between Interstate 35E and Houston Street from 2:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; and Elm and Commerce streets between I-35E and Houston from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Traffic will be rerouted to Reunion Boulevard or Continental Avenue.

DEALEY PLAZA TRAFFIC ROUTES

The Dealey Plaza National Historic Landmark dedication ceremony Monday will close the following streets to traffic: Main Street, between Interstate 35E and Houston Street, from 2:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; and Elm and Commerce streets, between I-35E and Houston, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Traffic will be rerouted to Reunion Boulevard or Continental Avenue. Beginning at 10 a.m., Dallas Area Rapid Transit will offer a free shuttle service. People may park at one of two areas and ride a DART bus to the 11:30 a.m. ceremony. Service will be available from Lot E at Reunion Arena, Hotel Street and Memorial Drive; and the USA parking lot at Commerce Street and Industrial Boulevard.



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